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In re Application of: Holly H. HOGREFE et al. Group Art Unit: 1652 Application No.: 08/957,709 Examiner: D. Ramirez Filed: October 24, 1997 For: POLYMERASE ENHANCING FACTOR Confirmation No.: 2438 (PEF) EXTRACTS, PEF PROTEIN COMPLEXES, ISOLATED PEF PROTEINS, AND METHODS FOR PURIFYING AND IDENTIFYING THEM

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006 ("Action"). The period for reply has been extended one month by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the Claims are included in this paper at pages 2 to 5.

Remarks follow the amendments section of this paper at pages 6 to 15.